

**News and Information for
the Busy Farmer**

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Ontario Department of Agriculture

Mulching growing vegetables with paper has definitely proved that most vegetable crops are improved by this system, which eliminates the necessity for cultivation. Such heat-loving plants as the cucumber, melon, pepper and tomato showed the most substantial increases in yield.

Haldimand County had a Sheep Dipping Week early in June. In addition to the dipping of sheep, fifteen demonstrations in drenching of internal parasites were held. At these 15 points, 3069 sheep were dipped and about 50 per cent. of these were treated for internal parasites.

Reports submitted by agricultural writers show that practically all grains, including fall wheat and spring grains, will be above average in yield. Old meadows are somewhat disappointing and yields of hay from them will not be as large as was anticipated. To counteract this, however, alfalfa gives promise of being above the average.

New Weeds Appear
The three weeds that stand out as the most troublesome are sow thistle, couch grass and Canada thistle, though each district has its own particular pest. Sow thistle is particularly bad in Ontario and in the Prairie Provinces where rich soil and moisture are favorable to its growth. Inspectors in Ontario are receiving reports on the prevalence of milkweed which may have to be added to the noxious list. Another that is attracting attention is elecampane, a coarse growing plant with rather attractive flowers which is seen on the roadsides and along fence rows.

Fruit Crop Prospects
P. W. Hodgetts, director of the Fruit Branch, states that while the bloom was extremely heavy everywhere in the province this year, this does not necessarily mean a heavy crop. Since the date of the bloom reports on certain fruits have been received, indicating a light crop. For instance, sour cherries in most sections have suffered quite severely from frost injury at blossom time and many large orchards both east and west will not have 15 per cent. of a set. Sweet cherries, on the other hand, are a good crop. Reports on pears are conflicting, but on the whole does not look like a heavy crop of Bartlett's, the leading pear both for dessert and canning. A much heavier crop of apples than last season is expected. The other fruits are looking well and should give a normal crop.

Close Attention Needed
Close attention should be given the calving and farrowing pens. Failure to render necessary assistance at the right time has resulted in loss and every calf and pig that dies makes it just that much more difficult for those that live to make a profit on the year's operation. The sooner young pigs get out in the sun the less danger of loss at three to five weeks of age. Cod liver oil may be fed to pigs as well as chickens to ward off trouble.

Canadian Cattle to Britain
Canadian cattle evidently are finding a good market in Great Britain. While the number exported so far this year has been comparatively small, enough cattle have been shipped to prove that under present circumstances this affords a good outlet for Canadian fat cattle and stockers. Arrangements are virtually complete whereby some 15,000 head will be shipped to England by the first of August at the ocean rate of \$45 per head.

Gold Storage Facilities
With an anticipated crop of 100,000 barrels of apples, the Norfolk Fruit Growers' Association has started an addition to its pre-cooling and cold storage plant at Simcoe which will practically duplicate the present facilities. The new accommodation will be absolutely necessary to take care of a crop of this size, according to the manager, James E. Johnson. Growers in Middlesex County are now proposing to undertake cold storage facilities, the question having been favorably discussed at a recent conference.

Going After Ma'keys
The Department is evolving plans for opening a new market for honey, of which a surplus of about eight million pounds is now recorded in the province. Trade in Western Canada is also being given attention and the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association is sending a representative to Winnipeg. Leamington tomato growers are also sending a representative there to study marketing conditions. In a recent conference with fruit and vegetable growers in the Kingsville-Leamington area, Honourable Thomas L. Kennedy pointed out specific cases where losses had been sustained because proper containers had not been used in sending fruit and vegetables West. Proper packing is also important, he emphasized, and the appearance of the packed product plays an important part in sales. He referred to products brought into Ontario and selling to better advantage than Ontario-grown products of equal worth, simply because of the style of packing.

Onion Acreage Increases
An increase of 28 per cent. in the sown acreage of onions this year as compared with last year is reported by officials of the Ontario onion pool. The total for the present season is 2,400 acres of all kinds of onions. As a result of early planting, it is expected that a large number of Dutch sets will be on the market within the next month. The onions are developing fast and show signs of an excellent product. It took over 925 freight cars to move the 1930 onion crop out of Southwestern Ontario. This represented nearly 600,000 bushels of onions.

Roosts For Young Birds
Teaching chicks to roost at an early age tends to promote feather growth and helps materially in carrying the chicks over the critical period when they are most likely to crowd and smother. It is desirable to get the chicks to roost just as soon as they no longer need heat to keep them comfortable. One of the best ways of getting chicks to roost is to build a sloping roost to the rear of the brooder house or to one side of the house and enclose the underneath side of the roost with a fine mesh wire so that the chicks cannot get at the droppings. They will take to these temporary roosts in no time.

Sheep Losses Heavy
A recent survey of sheep losses due to dogs, conducted in Ontario by authority of Hon. T. L. Kennedy, shows that this situation is growing more serious. It is possible that this year's claims will more than equal the revenue collected by the municipalities from the dog tax. To date it is estimated that bill amounts to well over \$100,000, with losses running up to \$7,000 in some counties alone. During a period like the present, when municipal finances are strained to the limit, some less expensive amusement for our stray dogs than killing sheep will have to be found. One suggestion is the old custom of putting bells on several members of each flock as a means of protection from dogs.

Livestock Feeds
The problem of the dairyman today is to produce at a profit or break even under existing circumstances. Greater economy in feeding should not mean less efficiency. Ways of improving home-grown crops can be found, thus necessitating fewer purchased feeds. Dairyman who have alfalfa hay and corn silage can readily get along with a lower protein concentrate ration than the farmer with poor hay and no silage. Even alfalfa hay varies considerably in nutritive value, depending on when it is cut. Farmers should cut their alfalfa at a time when they are fairly certain of procuring a valuable seedling material than left until too far advanced. Curing is also important and the more green leaves that can be harvested and the greater the retention of color, the higher the feeding value that will be realized in the feeding-out process next winter.

The 24th annual conference of agricultural representatives was held at O.A.C. last week, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. S. Duncan, director of this branch. Some very interesting and helpful addresses and discussions featured their deliberations.

The attendance at O. A. C. during Farmers' Week was very satisfactory, with over 600 from 1890 to 2,000 farmers at the College each day. Reel County set the record for attendance from an individual county with about 500 representatives. The tours conducted by members of the O. A. C. staff proved very helpful and informative for the visitors.

Northern Ontario is becoming more and more a very productive mixed farming area. Last year an enormous quantity of blueberries were shipped from that district. They were of a high quality and found a ready market. During the height of the season, as many as 1100 baskets were shipped daily from North Bay by express.

Milk Records Help
The value of milk records in improving herd production is the subject of an interesting reference in the annual report of the work of Illustration Stations for 1930, which has just been issued. In 1928 the average production from eighteen test herds was 6,442 pounds of milk; for 1930 the individual average was 7,073, an increase of 631 pounds of milk per cow over a period of two years. Only by actual knowledge of what each cow in his dairy herd is producing can the farmer today eliminate the "boarders" and increase total production and the earning power of this phase of his farming operations.

Why Hens Stop Laying
A flock that has laid heavily during the winter will generally slow up toward the middle of the summer when they begin to moult, but when the egg yield drops rapidly until it practically ceases without any apparent reason, then suspect vermin. Body lice, which remain on the birds, and the red mite which infests the poultry house during the day, returning to the birds at roosting time, cause heavy losses. Mr. F. C. Eiford, Dominion Poultry Husbandman, recommends for the former dusting the birds for lice powder and applying blue ointment beneath the wings; and for the red mite he recommends a strong solution of Zeoleum or any other creolin preparation, applied to the cracks in the roosts and nest boxes at regular intervals throughout the summer. Coal oil applied in similar fashion at intervals is also recommended.

Cold Storage For Celery
Announcement is made of the incorporation of the Inland Storage Co. with authorized capital of \$125,000. The company proposes to construct and operate a cold storage plant primarily for the benefit of the celery growers of the Theford district, and the apple growers of the Theford and Forest areas.

C.S.T.A. Conference
An outstanding agricultural gathering last week was the annual convention of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists at the O. A. C. Guelph. Leaders in the industry from all parts of Canada and from numerous other countries took part in the conference and listened to a number of very valuable addresses on scientific aspects of the various departments of the agricultural industry.

Big Saving Expected
George R. Paterson, in charge of feed and fertilizer distribution for the department, has compiled figures for the first two months, April and May, in which the reduced freight tariff and limestone subventions policy were in operation. The amount of limestone shipped was 156,255 tons, purchasers paid \$1,175.79, in freight and the subventions amounted to \$1,065.72. The average rate paid by the purchasers was .72 a ton and by subventions .64, an average freight rate of \$1.39. The estimated average rate per ton had the railways and government not acted is \$1.86, whereas the purchaser of agricultural limestone has actually paid only .752c, an average saving of \$1.10 per ton. The estimated total saving to purchasers was \$1732.89.

Make the Meadows Pay
Ontario usually has about four and one-half million acres of hay crops each year. In passing across the province just before haying one cannot help feeling that many of these acres are not paying the taxes and the cost of handling the crop. Statistical reports indicate an average yield of only one and one-half tons to the acre and this can certainly be much improved upon. For the meadows, good drainage and sweet soil are very important. Roots of grasses and clovers are slow to penetrate wet soils and wherever there is a surplus of water on the soil, air is shut out and hence the bacterial life is either weakened or killed. Another point in meadow improvement is the use of high quality seed. If poor seed is used the meadow starts out with a handicap. Good drainage, good seed, and a liberal supply of suitable fertilizer make profitable meadows.

Foul Brood Prevailing
Applimentary inspectors of O. A. C. are finding in parts of the counties of Lambton, Simcoe and Grey the presence of the older virulent type of European Foul Brood and it is significant that in these localities the bees are mostly black. This variety of bee is particularly susceptible to European Foul Brood. Agriculture demonstrations were recently held in the counties of Ontario, Victoria and Simcoe. In an effort to lower the cost of producing queens, the Department at O.A.C. has established a dozen baby nuclei.

Weekly Crop Report
Weather conditions have been very favorable in most parts of the province, and the outlook is very promising for fall wheat, alfalfa and clover. Getting of alfalfa has been under way in many districts and the crop is fairly heavy. The frequent showers and warm weather have been very favorable for corn in Western Ontario. The strawberry crop has been a very abundant one with prices ranging from 12 to 15 cents a box. Early cabbage and head lettuce are reported to be plentiful in a number of districts.

To Avoid Bloating
Bloating is an ever present danger with dairy cows on pasture, particularly where the legume is alfalfa. Means for lessening this danger, advised by animal husbandry experts, include: Never turn a cow out on alfalfa pasture on an empty stomach; give a small feed of dry hay before turning out; have a supply of water available in or near the pasture at all times; don't turn the cows out onto a freshly irrigated pasture, or a pasture reeking wet from rain, heavy dew or coated with frost. Much of the danger may also be avoided by mixing grass with alfalfa in seeding down the pastures. The cows prefer grass to legumes such as alfalfa or sweet clover and will take the edge off their appetites before feeding on these.

Valuable For Dairymen
The Dairy Branch has recently issued an instructive leaflet entitled "Probable Causes, and the Remedies for Defects in Second Grade Cream." The introductory note states that "regulations under the Dairy Products Act require that a premium of one cent per pound of butter fat be paid for Special Grade Cream over First Grade Cream, and a premium of three cents per pound of butter fat for First Grade Cream over Second Grade Cream. The leaflet points out how these losses may be avoided and enumerates common defects in Second Grade Cream. Special Grade Cream, it says, can be secured by being specially careful about keeping everything clean and sanitary, and 'cooling the cream quickly to under 50 degrees and keeping it under that temperature. A copy or copies of this leaflet may be obtained by applying to the Dairy Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Miss Macphail's Letter
If variety is the spice of life, parliament has been living fully this week. We have had a little of everything including a heated exchange between the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition. The House has been expecting almost daily the budget items to be presented. Mr. King rose to enquire as to the cause of delay. The Prime Minister said that the Opposition were the cause of delay; they demanded copies of the tariff items as they appeared in the Dunning Budget, as they appeared last year at the short session and as they appeared now and this would involve three weeks of work by the officials. The Prime Minister said he had gone to the trouble of counting the pages of Hansard used by members of the opposition and considered the number excessive.

Major Power, affectionately known as "Chubby" Power, Liberal member for Quebec City, attacked fiercely the Civil Service Commission. He first moved that the estimate of \$235,000 to provide for it, be reduced to \$1 and later that it be reduced by a dollar. His whole object was to show lack of confidence in the commission. The House was not divided on party lines. Major Power said: "The question has always been discussed, more is the pity, in an atmosphere of hypocrisy, although there are many quite sincere men who think the present Act must necessarily be a good thing because it represents what they regard as a good intention." During the war a commission was set up called the Civil Service Commission to make all appointments to the Civil Service in which the salary was in excess of \$200 a year. These appointments were to be made on merit. The opponents of the commission charge that patronage is worked even through the commission. Possibly the chief trouble has been, as Mr. G. G. Cooté the member for Macleod, pointed out, that the three commissioners are not appointed on the merit system; an appointment is not made because of the fitness or the particular ability of a man to carry out the duties entrusted to him, but because of his political affiliation. Mr. Peter McGibbon, Muskoka, Conservative, in the main supported Major Power and he went further and stated that the sitting member and not the defeated candidate should make the appointments. The incident was closed by an unregistered vote in committee, supporting the Civil Service Commission.

In the report of Sir Josiah Stamp's Commission, a chart or graph appears, in which the fluctuation in grain prices over a period of years is shown. It shows the grain trade up to great advantage and the pool at a disadvantage. It is quite clear that this chart was pasted into the report and the members of all opposition parties want to know by whom. They claim it was a stab in the back of the pool; they stated that it was utterly untrue and they demand that the Minister of Trade and Commerce tell the house who inserted the chart. Mr. Stevens quite frankly stated that he believed that Mr. Sanford Evans, Commissioner representing the grain trade, had had. The opposition was so strong that the item was allowed to stand over until more information could be secured.

When the Soldier's Allowance Act was passed last year the terrific amount of work that would come to the commission because of soldiers who were discharged as AI, having in the interval entered almost complete loss of health, was not foreseen. As a result the machinery got clogged and parliament is now providing to increase the tribunal from 9 to 12 and the Commission Council from 7 to 10 members; the extra appointments to be for two years only.

The government has introduced legislation for the setting up of a Tariff Board. The members of the board are to be appointed for ten years. They are to be a fact-finding body, in many ways similar to the Tariff Board of the United States. The debate is still before the house. I opposed the setting up of such a board: "If the members of the board are to be appointed by the present government, all would undoubtedly be protectionists, because the government is quite honestly a protectionist. When we were told by the Prime Minister that it would be a fact-finding body, I would like to ask: what are facts? How can one divorce completely opinions—bias—from facts?" I cited the resignation of Edward T. Costigan from the Tariff Board of the United States because he believed that it was biased in favour of protectionist policies. Mr. Costigan further stated that the commission had failed to live up to its mandate. On the effect of the tariff, on the industries and labour of the United States and that "an open minded performance of this task by the commission would have disclosed the use of various tariff fallacies to mislead farmers and industrial workers in the United States." A tariff board is of much more use to the labourer or the farmer. Undoubtedly the truck farmer comes under the benefit.

We had our usual field day on the military estimates. The Non-permanent Active Militia are to be given four and a half days training in city centres at a cost to the country of \$1,600,000. The cadet estimates have been cut \$100,000, making them now \$400,000, but the Minister of National Defence regrets the cut and promises to increase the amount when finances will permit. The Permanent Force have a little better than 3,000 men and cost just over \$5,000,000 and the Royal Military College, which turns out "Gentlemen Cadets" adds to the tax bill \$375,000 additional dollars. I have no objection at all to military people sending their sons to a military college; just why it should be kept up by the tax payers of Canada is not quite so clear. We did not get through the day without some warm exchanges, but after the talk the government votes carried. On the 11th of July a monster demonstration for disarmament will be held in London, England, and a great mass meeting will on that day be addressed by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Mr. Lloyd George. The League of Nations Society of Canada is making strenuous efforts to have a disarmament petition signed by great numbers of Canadians and presented to the government previous to the delegation leaving for the World Disarmament Conference which is to take place in Geneva in 1932. The Army and Navy Veterans of Canada have expressed their sympathy with work and sent a most generous cheque to further it.

Agnes C. Macphail
EUPHRASIA COUNCIL
The council met at the township hall on Friday, June 12th. All members present with the reeve in the chair.
Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
Cook - Halbert—That the treasurer receive from N. L. Curry the sum of 75c for crushed stone.—Carried.
Cook - Halbert—That the treasurer receive from H. M. Thompson the sum of \$3.00, rent for hall.—Carried.
Gillchrist - Parker—That the whole council be a committee to view the road between the 3rd and 4th concessions running from lot 6 and report at next meeting.—Carried.
Bylaw No. 6, appointing the following parties as Poundkeepers and Fenceviewers was passed.
Poundkeepers: J. J. McKewan, Wm. Flood, Ross Hutchinson, Geo. Wilson, Gordon Rogers, T. K. McConnell, Joseph Curry, Robert Clugston, G. M. Sewell, L. Boles, Otto Fey, Wm. Dickie, W. J. Wood, W. J. Halbert and Albert King.
Fenceviewers: Herb. Kerr, Vergil Reid, Fred Weichouse, J. H. Irwin, Robert McMullen, Wm. Curry, Wes. Hall, Wm. Clugston, T. I. Fawcett, Wm. Gregory, Gordon Erskine, Sheldon Boyd, M. Harvey, Wm. Lyons, Geo. Seabrooks.
The following accounts were ordered to be paid: Hugh Johnston, lambs killed by dogs, \$8.00; J. J. McKewan, supplies to Wilson family salary and committee work, \$29.30; J. A. Cook, quarter salary and committee work, \$1.00; N. L. Curry, quarter salary and committee work, \$14.40; H. E. Parker, quarter salary and committee work, \$13.95; Jas. Gilchrist, quarter salary and committee work, \$1.00; N. L. Curry, quarter salary, \$85.00; A. Pledger, quarter salary, \$55.00; C. Williamson for running grader, \$91.46; Leslie Doherty, tractor on grader, \$323.45; D. L. Weber, trucking, \$477.20; E. Kirkpatrick, overhauling, \$104.00; Ross Gordon, work on road 16, \$4.20; E. McLean, work on road 16, \$112.81; J. Hodgkinson, work on road 16, \$85.92; D. Lough-

sed, dragging road 18, \$4.00; M. J. Patton, chain \$4.00; J. Perry, to pay for work on road 16, \$64.16; D. L. Weber, trucking, \$112.50; E. Weber, work on road 19, \$15.00; F. Wickens, work on road 19, \$4.00; J. Wickens, work on road 19, \$2.25; Art Press, tractor on grader, \$231.70; John Press, running grader, \$54.50; E. Thompson, work on road 2, \$2.99; R. McMullen, work on road 2, \$1.20; A. Weller, work on road 1, \$3.15; Wm. Wilson, work on road 1, \$4.50; J. Miller, to pay for work on road 17, \$52.87; Carol Cook, crushing, \$277.45; Oliver Fitzsimmons, work on roads 14 and 16, \$13.27; W. J. Lyons, work on road 7, \$1.20; Metall: Roofing Co., culverts, \$98.52; McFarior Steel Co., scrapers, \$17.48; Inxot Iron Co., culverts, \$64.92; Pedler People for culverts, \$67.48; E. Fothergill, work on road 12, \$14.00; H. E. Press, work on road 11A, \$10.00; H. Kirkpatrick, work on road 15, \$99.12; Thos. Leopold, dragging road 12, \$6.15; E. D. McLean, dragging road 16, \$4.00; W. S. Perkins, tool, \$6.10; Mrs. J. A. Parker, axe, \$1.50; George Wiley, gravel, \$19.00; A. Woods, work on road 6, \$1.00; H. Broadner, taking down snow fence, \$4.00; F. Curry, taking down snow fence, \$2.25.
The council adjourned until July 10th.

Holland Centre
Miss Annie Telford and Mrs. Wes. Sparrow of Oshawa motored up and spent a few hours here the first of last week.
Our popular teacher, Miss Beatrice Sinclair, who has resigned as teacher of S. S. No. 7, was taken by surprise on Monday morning at her school, when the three trustees and the pupils and their parents assembled at the school and presented her with a well-worded address and a well-filled purse. Master M. Gordon read the address and little Betty Price made the presentation. Miss Sinclair replied thanking the trustees, parents and children for their kindness. After this a short program was rendered, consisting of speeches by the trustees and singing by the children. Lunch was then served by the ladies of the section.
Born—On Wednesday, June 24th, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Craven, a son.
Born—On Sunday, June 28th, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shaw, a son.
Miss Enid Bull, teacher from near Fort William, is spending her vacation under the parental roof.
Mr. Wm. Gordon, teacher at Markham, is spending his vacation with his family.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weiler, Dr. and Mrs. Weiler, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Bruder of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Weber of Neustadt spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Weiler, at the railway station.
Mr. Bert Foster of the C.P.R. carpenter gang spent Sunday at his home.
Born—At Robindale on Thursday, June 4th, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Telford, twins, a son and a daughter.

Berkeley
Week-end visitors with Mrs. M. Dodds were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dodds and daughter, June, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Entwistle and daughter and Mr. Samson of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Cocken and the former's sister, Miss Cocken of Hamilton. Mrs. Dodds and June and Mrs. Cocken and Miss Cocken remained for a few holidays.
Professor S. Beatty and Mrs. Beatty and sons John and Chester, are visiting with the former's sister, Mrs. H. David and other relatives west of Berkeley.
Miss Thelma Hight visited over the week-end with friends at Orangeville.
Miss Jojo Black of Toronto is holidaying at the home of Mr. Jos. Black.
Mr. Jas. Lacey visited with his parents at Orangeville on Sunday.
Mrs. Wm. Kirk and son Wesley, Mr. C. Swigger and granddaughter motored to Cayton on Friday and visited with the former's daughter, Mrs. A. C. Muir.
Mrs. Wm. Allen accompanied her brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong and son of Holland Centre, to Wingham and visited for a couple of days with their sister and other relatives.
Mr. Thos. Rowe and daughter, Miss Isabel, motored to Toronto and visited relatives for a few days last week.
Mr. Jas. Lacey returned from visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillespie in Owen Sound.
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Fitzsimmons of Markdale visited with the former's brother and family here on Sunday.
Mr. C. Swigger and granddaughter of Toronto visited for a few days with the former's sister, Mrs. Wm. Kirk.

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FRATERNAL

A. F. & A. M.—Hiram Lodge No. 490, G. R. C., Markdale, meets in the Masonic Hall, Reburn Block, at 8 o'clock p.m. the second Thursday in each month. T. Stewart Cooper, W.M.; A. E. Colgan, Secretary.

R. B. K.—Victoria Preceptory No. 282 meets in the Orange Hall, Markdale, at 8 o'clock p.m., the third Thursday in each month. Visiting brethren always cordially welcomed. A. E. Colgan, W.P.; J. E. England, Registrar.

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